

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT	Application number:	10/587,099
	Filing Date:	July 21, 2006
	First named Inventor	Janel A. Birk
	Art Unit:	3773
	Examiner Name	Unknown
	Attorney Docket Number:	17951US PCT (HEA)

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD- YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number Kind Code ² (if known)			
	AA	2006/0161186A1	07/20/2006	Hassler, Jr., et al.	
	AB	2007/0015954A1	01/18/2007	Dlugos	
	AC	2007/0016231A1	01/18/2007	Jambor, et al.	
	AD	2007/0027356A1	02/01/2007	Ortiz	
	AE	2007/0173685A1	07/26/2007	Jambor, et al.	
	AF	2007/0250086A1	10/25/2007	Wiley, et al.	
	AG	5,910,149	06/8/1999	Kuzmak	
	AH	7,364,542B2	04/29/2008	Jambor, et al.	
	AI	7,367,937B2	05/06/2008	Jambor, et al.	
	AJ	7,416,528B2	08/26/2008	Crawford, et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

*Exam iner Initials *	Cite No	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD- YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
	BA	EP1743605 A1	01/17/2007	Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc.		Yes

Examiner Signature	/Melissa Ryckman/ (03/23/2011)	Date Considered	
-----------------------	--------------------------------	--------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 422 and 37 CFR 1.101.

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /MR/